Great Britain. When the settlement was reneral features of the settlement was made. This contemplated the subsequent negotiation of an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela, on the general lines prescribed by the settlement. But the Venezuela authorities prefer to see the treaty itself, instead of an agreement for a treaty, and the present indications are that Venezuela will give no acceptance until the entire phraseology of the treaty, with all its terms and qualifications, is completed. This may take considerable The general expectation was that Venezuela would first accept the proposed method of settlement. Then diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela would follow as a matter of course. When these relations were re-established the British minister at Caracas could readfly take up the negotiations of the proposed arbitration treaty. At present, however, there is no disposition to await the gradual maturing of this complete treaty, and it is little short of settled that the treaty will have to be forthcoming and all the incldental negotiations closed before the desired Venezuelan ratification is secured. In official and diplomatic circles there continues to be a satisfactory and hopeful view taken of the situation. It is felt that all obstacles will be cleared away in time, and there is a disposition to minimize obstacles as being under the head of minor details. At the same time, the practical abandonment of the extra session of the Venezuelan Congress and the disposition to close all negotiations on the final treaties before an acceptance is given do not increase the prospects of a speedy conclusion

of the case. On the question of general arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have made their final draft of the treaty. and it is in the hands of Lord Salisbury awaiting his approval. No doubt exists of Its approval, and it is expected to come daily. It had not arrived when Mr. Olney conferred with the embassador to-day.

AMERICANS HARASSED.

Subjected to Petty Annoyances by the

Authorities of Colombia. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The action of the Colombian authorities in detaining the American schooner Whitford nearly three weeks last spring at Colon may be made the basis for a correction of many of the petty official annoyances and illegal obstacles that have been thrown in the way of American shipping merchants doing business with the Spanish main. At least assurance was given to-day to persons interested in the Whitford that the State Department would move energetically in that the department to-day and laid the facts in told how the scheoner was seized at Porto Cabello under suspicion of carrying arms and ammunition, how, on search being made without success for these, the Colomblan officials asserted that the manifest of the vesset was wrong and how they carried her to Colon and detained her there for eighteen days against the protest of the owners. United States Consul Pearcy, who is in Washington on leave, corroborated these statements. In addition, Mr. Schepp said that since the departure of the Whit-ford from Colon the authorities had trumped up a charge against Captain Hen-dricks and had him indicted under an obdete regulation for failing to stop at Colon on his way to Porto Cabello. asserted that American trade had been systematically harassed in this fashion and discriminated against, as it was noticeable that none of the English and German ships were molested. Mr. Schepp therefore claimed the protection of the State Department for himself and for other United States merchants engaged in trade in the south. Mr. Schepp said that it required only a firm front on the part of our governent to secure this treatment for our shipping, such as the stand, for example, that ad been shown in 1887 by Secretary Tracy when he sent war ships to the Caribbean to prevent just such illegal interference with American shipping in the Spanish main. So far no claim for indemnity in the case of the Whitford has been jodged, but the State Department is giving the matter earnest

CHINESE TO BE ANGLICISED. One Great Result of Li Hung Chang's Tour Around the World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-According to news received here from unofficial sources Li Hung Chang's visit to England and the United States already has borne fruit in a decision of the Chinese government gradually to anglicise the Chinese people, at least as far as their language is concerned. The Peking government recently issued instructions to the various viceroys and governors of provinces of the empire to establish schools for the teaching of the English language and western sciences in all of the principal cities of the country. According to the wording of one clause in the general instructions the reason for this is that China, in order to keep herself on terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe "must educate the nasses and encourage inventive genius and foreign learning among her people, to-gether with that love of country and home and that devoted patriotism, so conspic uously ingrained in the hearts of those who have studied such languages and sciences.' General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- To-day's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, \$227,047.851; gold reserve, \$136,099,696. Se retary of the Interior D. R. Francis is in St. Louis for the purpose of attending to personal business. He will return to Washington Tuesday.

FIRE AT THE CAPITAL.

Large Furniture House Burned, Causing a Loss of \$160,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The large furniture house of Julius Lansburg on New York avenue was destroyed by fire this evening. The loss on building, stock and adjacent structures damaged will amount of an unexpired term. He returned yesterto about \$160,000. The loss on the stock alone is placed at \$100,000, on which there is \$60,000 insurance, The building was principally of wood, and with the inflammable nature of the immense quantity of goods made the fire one of the fiercest and quickest that ever occurred here. The Church of the Epiphany is directly in the rear of the burned building and the firemen had hard work to save it. The Burr mansion, where tradition says that Edgar Allen Poe wrote "The Raven," is separated from the urniture establishment only by an alley. a mystery.

Other Fires.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Forty-four fami-lies were driven out of their homes early morning when the temperature was 12 to 14 degrees above zero, by a fire started on the third floor of an apartment house in West Fifteenth street. The flames extended to the house adjoining and the third and fourth floors of both buildings were burned out. The loss on the buildings is about \$30,-000 and that suffered by the tenants will NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The handsome

country residence owned by D. Marshall and occupied by Duncan Elliott, located in Westchester Club grounds, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$50,000, Judge Hunter, a guest of Mr. Elliott, was seriously injured while jumping from one

NEW YORK. Dec. 28.-The doubledecked ferryboat New Brunswick, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was burned to the water's edge to-day. Loss about \$120,000.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 28.-The county courthouse was destroyed by fire to-night, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Reception to Mrs. Stevenson. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A reception was given this afternoon from 12 to 1 o'clock by Mrs. General Shields, regent of the St. Louis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to Mrs. Stevenson, wife of Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, and president of the national organization of the Daughters of the American Revolu-The Colonial Dames and Daughters out in full force. Assisting Mrs. Shields were the Misses Halstead, sisters of General J. W. Noble, Mrs. Judge Thayer, Mrs. Westen Bascomb, Mrs. O'Fallon and

Miss Richardson, of Covington, Ky.

Clover Leaf Boycott Off. ST. LOUIS. Dec. 28.-Information was rehere to-night by District Passenger Davenport, of the Toledo, St & Kansas City Railway (Clover) eaf), that the boycott against that line in the Joint Passenger Association had seen declared off. Hereafter all other lines the association will be at liberty to handle tickets over this road.

Estrunged Husbands Liable. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The appellate form of the Supreme Court to-day handed fown a decision to the general effect that husband, although living apart from his wife, is responsible for debts contracted by her for necessary articles in the absence of any agreement to the contrary.

PUZZLING QUESTION

INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY ASK PROOF OF HICKOK'S DEATH.

Victim of an Explosion Whose Body Was Torn Into Shreds-School Teacher Dismissed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 28 .- The death of George Hickok, which was caused by the nitroglycerin explosion at Montpeuncertain length. Hickok carried \$4,800 life insurance, one policy for \$2,800 in A. O. U. W. Lodge Insurance Company, and \$2,000 in the Equitable Life Insurance Company. It is now contended that the relatives of Hockok cannot prove that he is really dead, not enough being found of the remains that could be identified as human, while, on the other hand, it is averred that the company cannot produce evidence of his being alive. It is a puzzling question and it is thought it will have to be settled in the courts. There is not the least doubt in the minds of Montpeller residents as to the death of Hickok, but it is thought the insurance companies will require proof of his death, and this no one is able to give. The funeral yesterday was one of the largest ever seen in Montpelier.

PINCHED THEIR LEGS. Adams County School Teacher Too Familiar with Girl Pupils.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 28.-Clank Calderwood, a young man of this city, has been teaching school at Peterson, a small town in this county, but at present he is out of a job and will be compelled to seek other fields. The township trustee has received numerous complaints from patrons of the school of late that young Calderwood was conducting himself in a manner very unbecoming a teacher. A trial was held Saturday, in which the young man was to ble for spectators. The starters were C. prove his innocence of immorality charged | W. Ashinger, Albert Shock, Frank Waller, against him. Several affidavits by respondirection. Ledpold Schepp, a New York sible patrons and pupils were presented merchant and owner of the Whitford, with | charging Calderwood with various offenses, hugged his girl pupils, much against their | England; George S. Ball and John Lawson, wishes, and was in the habit of "pinching the Whitford case before the officials. They | their legs." After hearing what the court considered a preponderance of evidence against him, Calderwood was denied any hearing, but was then and there dishonorably discharged and his county license was | John Johnson also withdrew. revoked. The decision seems to give general satisfaction to all patrons of the school, but created a great surprise here. The grand jury may investigate the case.

Berryhill's Burlington Team.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 28.-R. E. Berryhill, of this city, manager of the Burlington, Ia., Western Association ball club, has signed the following well-known players for the season of 1897: James Purvis, first base, one of the best hitters and fielders in the minor leagues; W. C. Rafert, catcher, well known in this State, having played with Muncie. Lebanon and other teams and also favorably known in the Virginia State League, where he played the last two seasons; Ed Herr, of the Eastern League; Al Nichols, of last year's Burlington team, and R. J. Packard, of the Virginia League, oitchers; Will Donovan, second base, with Youngstown last season: James Breen, second base or shortstop, of the Petersburg, Va., League team; J. L. Quan, shortstop, of the Chicago City League; Tom Turner, of the Virginia League, Robert White. of last season's Burlington team, and Ol Ellis, of this city, outfielders. Berryhill will play third and captain the team. Twenty-two men in all have been signed and the manager feels confident that he can develop a pennant winner out of this material.

State Health Board Scored. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.-The Shelby County Medical Society, at a called meeting held here this afternoon, adopted the following resolution in regard to the recent health rules of the Indiana State

"Resolved, That the State Board Health, in their recent health circular No , assailed the dignity of the medical pro fession, and seriously interfered with its official capacity a certain preparation, now sub judice, and by saying to the physicians of Indiana that they should always and under all circumstances use this preparation."

Resolutions were also adopted indorsing the board of control and Superintendent Edenharter for the erection and equipment of the pathological labratory at the Central Asylum for the Insane. Dr. Hurty, secretary of the State Health Board. was present at the meeting.

Poncylight's Body Not Found. PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 28.-Nothing special importance has developed to-day in regard to the Maule mine disaster. The effort to find the body of Robert Poneylight has not been successful on account of the large accumulation of foul gas. Mine In- from the center of this city. spector Fisher and assistants, all deep mine experts, are now in charge of the mine. The injured men are doing fairly well, but there is a strong probability that some will not recover.

A "Trusty" Took a Vacation. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 28.--John county jail for assaulting Mrs. Kate Bolton. and who had become a trusty, walked out of the jail the other day, leaving seven days day evening and requested the jailer to lock him up that he might complete his

Suicide of Robert Darrow.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SPENCER, Ind., Dec. 28.-Robert Darrow, who had taken the gold cure for the drink habit, committed suicide by taking morphine yesterday. His father was wealthy Pennsylvanian and had placed him on a farm near Newark in the hope that he might there throw off his habit.

Cicero Brick Works Burned. Special to the In lianapolis Journal.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.-The brick works at Cicero were destroyed by fire Sunday noon. Origin of the fire is un known, but supposed to have started in the drying kilns. Loss, \$6,000, with insurance unknown. The works were owned by W. C. Rehling, of Indianapolis,

Indiana Deaths.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 28.-Mrs. Emma Watson, wife of Charles Watson, died here suddenly this afternoon from congestive chill. Deceased was the youngest daughter of A. R. Hiatt, for many years in the hardware business, and a most estimable woman. She was a charter mem-ber of the T. H. E. a ladies' society of local celebrity. She was a graduate of the Winchester High School of the class of 1889 and possessed marked musical ability. The bereaved husband is the youngest brother of Congressman James B. Watson, of Rushville, and a son of Hon. Enos L. Wat-son, of this city, with whom he is associated in the practice of law.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 28.-Morgan L. Michael, of Milton, aged sixty-three, died this afternoon of acute Bright's disease. He was one of the best known men in the western part of Wayne county, and for forty years had been engaged in the jewelry business. He was a member of the Meteor Lodge of Masons.

Indiana Notes.

The G. A. R. post at Darlington has in-dorsed Gen. Lew Wallace for United States John Madden fell sixty-eight feet from a new bridge in Richmond yesterday, striking a pile of stone. He was badly injured, but may recover.

Park Florea, a young man in the employ of T. C. Nelson, of Ripley township, Rush county, had his skull crushed Sunday while driving a young horse. He will die, At Ladoga Sunday fire destroyed an old woolen mill, used as a storage house, and a building occupied by Arthur Jordan, of Indianapolis. The loss is put at \$3,900, partly

Gurney Hill, aged twenty-five, and Watt Johnson, aged thirty, both of Carthage, were arrested at Knightstown for stealing horse blankets. Hill was released on bond while Johnson is still in jail. Young Hill is a son of J. C. Hill, tax receiver. COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 28.-William Phipps, aged seventy-eight, died at his home, just south of this city, last night, of dropsy. He was a pioneer of this county and was the owner of one of the very few Rio, and the others are at Stockton, and drepsy. He was a pioneer of this county and was the owner of one of the very few Rio, and the others mad stones in the United States. He has live in that section.

lived in this city for over forty years, and his home has been visited by hundreds of persons fearful of the rabies.

CARRIED A RED FLAG. Canal Diggers Attacked by an Armed Body of Unemployed.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 28.-A serious riot occurred at Aqueduct, four miles from this city, on the Eric canal, this afternocn, where 300 Italians are employed on the canal improvement. A body of about 150 men from this city, who are unemployed, marched down with guns, knives, clubs, pickaxes, etc., carrying a red flag, and compelled the men to stop working. The sheriff and a large force of deputies quelled the riot and arrested the ringleaders. Early this morning the mob attempted lier, may result in a legal controversy of to burn a shanty where fifty workmen siept. The city is full of angry Italians and trouble is expected. Small pay and excessive prices for food are the cause of the trouble

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

ELEVEN CRACK RIDERS START THE WASHINGTON CONTEST.

Teddy Hale, Winner of the New York Contest, Unable to Take Part-First Day's Scores.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Eleven cracks in the bicycle world entered a six days, eight hours a day, international bicycle contest at Convention Hall in this city today. The big hall had been rearranged for left for skaters, while around it circled the turns at an angle of thirty degrees, ten circuits of the track constituting a mile. There was a large crowd in attendance when the racing began, and this kept up fairly well during the day and evening. considering the fact that the temperature of the place makes it slightly uncomforta-Germany: C. Chapple, England; Fred Foster, Germany; Albert Hunter, France; H. Maddox, Frank Albert, Dudley Marks, Sweden. Teddy Hale, the winner of the recent Madison-square Garden contest, was withdrawn at the last moment, as he was still used up somewhat from his former race. Ned Reading, the "soldier boy," and A rousing cheer greeted the riders

they started on the race at 2:21 this afternoon, taking as their signal a shot fired from a pistoi held by Eduie Bald, the bicycle champion of America. Throughout the entire eight hours' racing the men showed themselves gritty, and when the close came after 10 o'clock to-night all of them, with the exception of Marks, who feli out as the result of an accident, and Alberts, who made but 130 miles and six laps, had good records to their credit. The contest for a time was between Maddox. Lawson and Waller, although later Ashinger and Hunter came up close behind them. There were two tumbles during the day, but Marks seemed to be the only one who suffered to any extent, the others keeping

Several records were broken during the day. During the first hour Maddox, Waller and Chapple made twenty-two miles and five laps, breaking the record for a first hour of a similar contest of twentyone miles and three laps. The record for the entire first day of a six-day eight-hour contest was also broken. It was pre-125 miles and three laps. was made in Boston by Ashinger in 1891 on a high wheel. To-day's record was 147 miles and seven laps. For the first three hours the leaders made sixty miles, an average of twenty miles an hour. At the conclusion of the regular racing Eddie Bald rode a half mile in 1:06, his previous record being 1:06 1-5. Tom Linthe Welshman, rode five miles in 12:03.

12:40. The score at the clos	Miles.
Maddox	
Waller	147
Ashinger	146
Lawson	144
Hunter	
Foster	142
Ball	142
Chapple	141
Shock	139
Albert	130

sacred prerogatives by recommending in Buffalo May Lose Grand Circuit Races. BUFFALO, Dec. 28.-C. J. Hamlin, owner and breeder of fast trotters, says that in all probability the Grand Circuit trotting races that have been a feature in this city for so many years will hereafter be held on the new track now being built at Fort Erie, Ont. Mr. Hamlin said that it was not the intention of the Buffalo Driving Park Association to rebuild the grand stand and other buildings recently destroyed by fire. He favored the transfer of the Grand Circuit meeting to the Canadian track, owing to the fact that betting is allowed in that country, and because the new track is to be one of the finest on this continent and is easy of access, being reached in twenty or twenty-five minutes

Sunday Ball in the East. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The World tomorrow will publish the following: "The Brooklyn Baseball Club is to play Sunday ball in this vicinity next season. Ferdinand A. Abell, the practical owner of the club, said to-day, in regard to the matter, that all arrangements had been completed for Sunday championship games next season. The National League schedule would be fixed so as to have these games when the Western clubs are on the Eastern circuit."

Billiard Tournament Scores.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-In the billiard tournament to-day Matthews (300) defeated Hatley (300). Score, 300 to 119. Winner's agerage, 11 3-27; loser's, 4 11-27. Capron (250) beat Sutton (260.) Score, 260 to 193. Winner's average, 6 32-38; loser's, 5 8-37.

OBITUARY.

Passed Assistant Surgeon P. H. Bryant, of the Navy. NEWPORT. R. I., Dec. 28.-Passed Assistant Surgeon P. H. Bryant, attached to the training ship Constellation, died while sitting at the table on board ship to-night, of cerebral hemorrhage. He was appointed from Tennessee on Nov. 3, 1888, and had

been stationed here since June 27 last. He was promoted to his present rank on Nov. 3, 1891. His previous sea duty was on the Petrel, four years and a half.

Other Deaths. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.-J. G. Ruckstuhl, the largest stockholder in the Louisville Baseball Club and prominent in local pusiness circles, died to-day, aged fifty-nine. Mr. Ruckstuhl was largely instrumental in securing the admission of Louisville to the National League and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the game for years. CHICAGO, Dec. 28 .- Samuel H. Kerfoot, one of the pioneers in the real-estate business in Chicago, died to-night of heart disease. He was prominently identified with the earlier development of the city and was the first president of the real-estate board. HAMBURG, Dec. 28.-The death is announced here of Chairman Nesselsen, of the Hamburg-American steamship line. PARIS, Dec. 29.-M. Halanzier-Dufresnoy, formerly director of the Paris Opera. dead. He was born in 1819. PARIS, Dec. 29.-Barbot, the French tenor, who first sang Gounod's "Faust, died yesterday.

neunced of Wasielewski, the violinist. Miss Willard Still Improving. CASTILE, N. Y., Dec. 28.-In answer to the many inquiries as to the health of Miss Frances E. Willard, Dr. A. C. Greene, her physician, has authorized the publication of a statement to the effect that Miss Willard has constantly improved in health, and is now very much better than she was when she returned from England. She has at no time suffered any relapse, and all the campaign work that she has abandoned is

LONDON, Dec. 29.-The death is an-

Train Robbers Captured. HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 28 .- Information raceived by the Wells-Fargo Express Company officials here state that the State Rangers have captured the robbers who held up the Southern Pacific passenger train at Comstock, Tex., a week ago. They

the giving up of her proposed trip to Call-

fornia. There has at no time been any col-

lapse of her vital or mental energies.

DEATH

TWENTY-FOUR PEOPLE KILLED I THE CAHABA BRIDGE WRECK.

Bodies of S. W. Tibbs and Wife Not Found-Railway Men Positive Robbers Caused the Disaster.

110 feet high on the Southern Railway, appears now to have grown to twenty-four. Holbert, is in jail charged with the crime. This includes the death of W. D. Rast, a wreck, which resulted from a collision of wife, who boarded the ill-fated train at his wife had been on a visit to Gurnee. They went there early yesterday morning they captured a lone woman, who gave her and boarded the train. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of them, so far as before the dead body of Gilmore she was greatly disturbed, but refused to say can be ascertained. Their bodies were not found in the wreck, and their absence can thing further of the murdered man. only be accounted for by the fact that they must have been burned up in the wreck. The railroad authorities say that they have received indefinite inquiries about the Tibbs family, but know nothing of them. Andrew Bryson, of Blocton, one the event, the inner ice inclosure being of the injured passengers, died at the hospital in this city to-night. His death will the newly laid bicycle track, slanting on | run the number of dead up to twenty-four. Bryson was frightfully mangled and burned. Several persons from Blocton who were

early on the scene of the wreck, still declare that twenty-seven bodies were taken out of the river and that the railroad authorities are mistaken in the number of the killed. The Blocton people seem to think that several bodies were taken away by friends before the relief train left on its return trip with the dead and wounded. The railroad officials, however, are firm in their statement that only twenty-one corpses mors. The fact still remains, nevertheless, that it is, and always will be, impossible to know just how many passengers were on the train and who they were or where they were going. A dispatch from Louisville says: "At the

headquarters of the Louisville & Nashville Company in this city the statement is made that the Cahaba bridge disaster resulted in twenty dead and eight injured. This is according to telegrams received by Superintendent of Transportation George E. Evans. Mr. Evans maintains that the wreck is the result of a carefully planned scheme of robbers, and does not entertain the idea that it was due to carelessness on subordinates. He said he could not see how the wreck could have occurred except as a prearranged affair. The trains move over the bridge at a very low rate of speed, and it would take a very serious disarrangement of the rails to cause the train to jump the track. It was reported early last night that 175 people had been scouted the idea. He said there were only two coaches in the train, with a capacity of about one hundred. The fact that the train was local and that it was Sunday would both argue against such a number as 175."

Husband and Wife Burned. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 28.-Gregor Kierchbaum and his wife were burned to death in their home at Johnston to-day. The building was partially destroyed by the fire, which resulted from the explosion of a

Engineer Jones Fatally Hurt. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 28.-Two sections of a south-bound freight collided Jones was fatally hurt.

DIPLOMATIC VICTORY

(Concluded from First Page.) None of the young men carries any arms a little medicine and a few clothes con prising the entire outfit.

Thomas W. Smock, who leads the party is twenty-six years of age and lives at 229 North Pennsylvania street. He has made a study of the signal service and expects the knowledge thus gained to be of some service in this venture. The other members of the party are: Milton U. Hoswell a tailor of this city, aged twenty-nine, formerly of the United States marine service; Samuel L. Murbarger, 423 College avenue, aged twent cone, once a member of the Light Artillery football team; William O. Freeman, aged twenty-two, a machinist of Fort Wayne avenue; Omar Wiley, aged twenty-three, 171 East Ohio street; Charles Martin, aged thirty-five, 134 West Maryland street; Theodore Boyer, aged twenty-four, a machinist of North East street; Clyde C. Gable, aged twenty-one, a teamster, 561 East Market street, and J. M. Pickerell, of Gray, Hamilton county.

VIEWS OF SPANIARDS.

Dons Getting Over Their Fright About

American Interference. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- A Madrid dispatch to the World says: An evidently inspired editorial in the Epoca to-day foreshadowing the possibility of an understanding between the Spanish government and Prestdent Cleveland has caused a profound sensation in Spain. The Epoca, the organ of the Conservative party, now in power, says: "American intervention in Cuba perfectly logical on the ground of material interests and national sentiment. It might become an inevitable necessity of American home politics and it is eminently to the interest of our own country to avoid a conflict while we can do so with honor, maintaining our dignity and sovereignty.' The present active efforts of Spanish didomacy are all aimed, it is asserted in diplomatic and political quarters here, at convincing the American State Department that exigencies of domestic politics make it impossible for Spain to enter into any formal agreement or convention with the United States for the settlement of the Cuban question. Strenuous efforts are being made by the Spanish and other European governments to prevail on President Cleveland to be content if Spain consents tacitly to his interference and satisfies American opinion for the time being by the voluntary and prompt instituting in Cuba and Porto Rico of the reforms voted by the Cortes. This is on the understanding, however, that Premier Canovas will ask the Cor.es this year to authorize complete colonial autonomy and a reduction of the colonial tariffs to prepare the way for a reciprocity treaty with the United States. The Spanish generals agree that it is possible to reduce the insurrection in Cuba to the three eastern provinces in a few months with the forces now on the island. But they share the opinion of General Weyler that complete pacification of the rest of the island would require a much longer time unless the rebels should be convinced that outside assistance is sure to diminish in consequence of the Spanish government coming to an understanding, even unofficial, with the United States to settle the question.

Movements of Steamers. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 28.-Arrived: Rhynland, from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL. Dec. 28.-Arrived: Bovic. from New York. BOSTON, Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Pavonia, from Liverpool. NEW YORK. Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Nomadic, from Liverpool

Speechless and Paralyzed. DENVER, Col., Dec. 28.-For ten days fiss Annie N. Stephens, stepdaughter of . L. Hodges, deputy county clerk, has been lying speechless and paralyzed. The opinion of physicians, supported by circumstances of the case, indicates that the young lady was sandbagged as she was en-

ering her home.

Liliuokalani Quits Her Hotel. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.-Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, has left the Parker House, where she had been staying during her visit here, and during the remainder of her stay she will occupy a house in Brook-

Holt's Lynching to Be Investigated. OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 28.-Judge Owen to-day, in charging the grand jury, than had been anticipated. The platform gave special attention to the recent lynch-recognizes only the gold standard of merit.

LIST SWELLING ing of Holt. He required the jury to thoroughly investigate the matter, and indict any person participating in the mob. He said the jury could and must find out who composed the mob, and must indict them for murder. He made an order giving a change of venue to Muhlenburg county for the trial of the accessories of Holt, and

RANCHMAN ASSASSINATED.

ordered them sent to Louisville jail for safe

Supposed to Have Been Killed by the Girl He Jilted.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 28.-George W. Gil-BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28 .- The death | more, a wealthy rancher in Rawley counlist from yesterday's wreck at Cahaba ty. Kansas, was assassinated last night by river, whereby a Birmingham Mineral some one unknown, who fired a load of Railroad train dropped through a bridge buckshot through the window. A strange woman, who gives her name as Prudence Neighbors found Gilmore in a dying conbridge foreman, who was killed in a second dition, and when they asked him if he had any enemies, he confessed construction trains at the scene of the first | that he had jilted a girl at his disaster six hours after the bridge catas- old home in Orange county, New York, trophe. Twenty-one bodies were taken and that she had threatened to kill him. from the Cahaba river, and since then it He said he had lately received a warning has been ascertained that S. W. Tibbs and | from her that he had only a short time to ive. He declined to give her name or any further information about her. Neighbors Gurnee for Adger, are missing. Tibbs and of the murdered man formed a posse and went out, hoping to run down the assassin. Near the Nebraska line, fleeing on foot, whence she came or that she knew any-

IN BEHALF OF STRIKERS.

Bostonese Protest Against Dismissal of Street-Car Employes.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.-Faneuil Hall was crowded with people to-night in response to the call issued by the Street Car Men's Union, 800 of whose members have been discharged by the West End Company. President Little, of the road, had been invited to attend, but declined, owing to previous engagements. On the platform were senators, ex-congressman, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, philanthropists and business men, while in the gallery were many women. Rev. Scott E. Hershey, of Boston, stated that his sympathy and convictions were with the employes of the road. George Fred Williams, late Democratic ent to protest against a wrong. Honest men had been thrown out of employment were recovered. They say all reports to and millions of dollars have been spent on the contrary are, to their minds, wild ruation for nothing. After other speeches it was voted that a committee be appointed to wait on the company and protest against any further

> of the men, and to obtain a conference so that the agreement might be discussed. Strike of Shoe Factories. HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28 .- A strike nstituted at Georgetown this morning has thrown out of work 150 men and promises to embrace the entire six shoe factories of the town. The Georgetown Boot and Shoe Company last week notified their men that a reduction would be made in the lasting and nailing departments. Believing this to be but a test, a strike was decided upon.

Ohio Miners Want More Pay. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28 .- The Ohio division of the United Mine Workers of America met to-day with fifty members killed in the wreck. Mr. Evans at once present. The convention will ask for an increase of pay for mining.

MURDEROUS BLUDGEON-MEN.

Incidents of the Armenian Massacre in Constantinople.

Such men as the bludgeon-men one does not often see in the streets of Constantipople. Of the better class of Turks there were none among them. They were of a class like the wharf-rats and 'longshoremen of Western lands. They were of all shades of color, from the white-skinned Laz and Circassian to the brown and hook-nosed Kurd and the coal black Nubian from Af rica. Their faces were a sturdy of fearful passions. There were faces seamed and near Dalton, Ga., on the Western & At-lantic Railroad, this morning. Engineer Tom faces distorted by malice and greed; faces scarred like the head of a fighting bulldog; scarred, as by fire, case-hardened in ignorance of all except vice, and ferocious as an angry tiger. Some of those faces burnt their way into my memory and remained for days; a haunting revelation of brutal instincts and beastly desires which made one wonder how it was possible to have lived in safety for weeks in a city containing such men. These men were not armed in the common sense of the word. Some of them had revolvers, and most of them had knives But they seldom used either; for awkward questions might be raised if the police were called to account for failing to arrest armed civilians on the streets. Carrying ax-helves, pick-ax handles, heavy clubs, like baseball bats, jagged fragments of broken scantling, carrying anything that can crush the skull of man, this horrible rabble flooded the streets of all Christian quarters of the city, like an all-desolating tidal wave, silent but irresistible. Their silence by day was almost as terrible as going along the street, when they would

meet an Armenian who had ventured to attempt to reach his home. Without a word they would break in his skull and go on their way, entirely unmoved, and hardly Indianapolis, yesterday, but was continued having spoken a loud word. If resistance until this morning, as the plaintiff had not was offered they had only to say, "The Giaours resist!" and a horde of their fellows would come running from all directions to destroy one who had proved his

WAR BALLOON SHOOTING. at Shoeburyness.

seditious quality by daring to resist a Mus-

Result of Tests Made by Artillerymen European Edition New York Herald. Few more interesting experiments, says the Daily Mail, with war balloons have taken place than that which was performed at Shoeburyness recently. The balloon rose until some 1,500 feet in midair. A couple of puffs of smoke from two fifteen-pounders. and one could hear the shells moaning past, high above one's head. Two jets of smoke close to, but below, the balloon showed where the shrapnel had burst, and proved that the gunners had got their range, between 1,700 and 2,000 yards correctly enough, Two more shells followed, one of them bursting below and the other in a direct line with the object, probably causing con-ing considerable damage. The third and fourth pairs of shells were a bit low, but the fifth both burst above the balloon, and one of them must have riddled it pretty well. Still there was no visible sign of damage, and the dun-colorel globe was still rotund and prosperous looking. After the sixth salvo one could detect signs of a collapse, which finally came when both of the seventh brace of shells burst right on the balloon. There was a sudden wavering, a sort of spasmodic struggle, and then ripped from top to bottom, the shapeless mass fluttered slowly downward like a badly wounded pheasant. The experiments were watched by Colonel Stewart, C. B., commander of the School of Gunnery: Major Rickman, director of experiments; Captain Heath, R. A., members of the ordnance committee, and one of the Admiralty Expert Department. Access to the ranges being denied, it was impossible to ascertain the exact amount of damage done, but one thing was clear-that no war balloon would be safe from well-handled artillery within a zone of at least two

The Scientific Mind.

thousand yards.

Westminster Gazette. At the Vagabonds' dinner last night Sir John Robinson said he remembered in 1870, when the air was full of war and the news intelligence thrilling, he met a man of science who asked, "My dear fellow, when are you going to give us something of interest in the papers-something about sunspots?" This was not a scientific joke, Sir John assured his audience, but an actual symptom of that man's mental condi-

Gen. McCook Visits Hanna. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.-General Anhis home, "Windermere." His visit has no brothers, but the palace camarilla immedipolitical significance. General McCook and ately reawakened the suspicions of Abdul Mr. Hanna were schoolboys together and | Hamid against Murad. In spite of the the latter invited his old friend to spend part of the holidays with him.

Industrial Statistics. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.-Statistics just

compiled by State Labor Commissioner Ruerwhein from 1,388 industrial establishments in forty-six States and Territories show that 52,448 less hands were employed in those establishments in July, 1896, than in July, 1892, and that \$19,214,448 less is paid out annually in wages.

On a Gold Basis. Louisville Cuorier-Journal. Mr. Bryan's lecture tour is ending sooner

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HIT BY THE BANK FAILURE

West Indianapolis in Trouble Over an Eight-Thousand-Dollar Bond Issue.

HOSPITALS in ENGLAND.

The West Indianapolis Council held short meeting last night in order to close up its business for the year. The principal topic discussed was the sale of the eight \$1,000 coupon bonds, bearing interest at 6 per cent., which were to have been signed by the mayor and clerk at the regular meeting last week, but which was delayed owing to the failure of the National Bank of Illinois, at which institution they were to be delivered. The bonds were to discharges, to demand the reinstatement be sold to Fortune. Leach & Co., of Chicago, and the suburb's authorities were to deliver them to the National Bank of Illinois and, as the bank failed before the bonds were signed, those having the matter in charge were in a quandary, as they could no longer draw the draft on that bank. The matter was then lett until this meeting. The brokers who negotiated for the bonds offered a premium of \$162.50. The blank bonds are now at one of the express offices in the city, and will have to be signed by the mayor and clerk before they can be disposed of, and they refuse to do this, as there is now no place to draw the

The mayor has received quite a number of letters from other bond buyers, offering premiums as high as \$800, in case the loan is under the 2 per cent. Hmlt fixed by the laws of Indiana, which it is not. The Chicago firm is about the only firm to whom they can sell them at a premium, therefore the Council is playing a game of wait. As the bonds were to fund the outstanding indebtedness it expected to have the money on hand to meet it when it became due Two coupons amounting to nearly \$550 come due the first week in January, and being unable to get money on the bends to redeem them, Councilman Dickson introduced a resolution instructing the clerk to make a temporary loan of \$1,000 to meet the outstanding indebtedness that is now due. This is to be done providing no instructions are to be found with the blank bonds, informing them that a draft for the

bonds can be drawn on some reliable bank A resolution was adopted providing that the Indianapolis Water Company be notified to lay water maines on Osgood street, north from Oliver avenue, and also to

place two plugs. It has just come to light that Henry Shear, a molder living on Sheffield street, in Haughville, was shot, in the leg on Christmas eve. The ball, which entered near the thigh, ranged downward about and was extracted by Dr. Jeter. Mr. Shear says he borrowed the revolver and was carrying it to use upon some of the dogs which prove annoying in his neighborhood, and that it was accidently discharged in

Robert Baskerville, an ex-member of the West Indianapolis fire department, had his hands badly burned with saltpeter while working at Kingan's. Several of his fingers are burned so bad that the bone is exposed, and it will be some time before he will again be able to use his hands.

The case of David Jones, charged with assault and battery on J. F. Smith, was called in Magistrate Herig's court, in West recovered sufficiently to appear.

EX-SULTAN MURAD V. Touching Story of Twenty Years' Captivity in a Turkish Palace.

Constantinople Letter in London Mail. The sensational report of the escape of the ex-Sultan Murad V has given rise to great excitement in Pera political circles, and among the inhabitants of Constantinople. This report, which was promptly denied, led me to make inquiries into the lot of the unfortunate dethroned monarch, the

living "masque de fer" of these modern Murad V, you will remember, was mentally deranged, and was therefore deposed soon after his accession. At first he was confined in the Palace of Dolma-Baghtche. A few months later, after the daring but unsuccessful attempt of Ali Suavi to free him and reinstate him on the throne, he was transferred to the Palace of Cheragan. I gather from an absolutely athoritative Turkish source that at the beginning of the third year of Murad's imprisonment his mother invited a Greek specialist to give him medical attendance. In this the Sultana-mother acted on the advice of another brother of Abdul Hamid, late Prince Nureddin Effendi, who had a deep affection for his brother, the Sultan Murad V. In spite of the severe watch that was kept, the Greek doctor was secretly introduced into Cheragan Palace through its underground galleries (su-yolu.) By simple hygenic treatment the physician succeeded in restoring the health of the ex-Sultan, whose excessive nervousness had already been greatly alleviated by the calm sur-roundings of his prison life. The fact that the doctor's visits to the imperial patient was, however, conveyed to Abdul Hamid and at the same time it was discovered that communications were maintained with Murad V by his adherents through the Taxim water supply. The manner of this communication is most remarkable. Letters in small rubber envelopes were thrown into the water and were carried by the stream to the palace. As the result of these two discoveries, measures of the most rigorous surveillance were at once taken, and the friends of the deposed Sultan have since then had very infrequnet communications with him, if indeed any at all.

A violent interview took place between Abdul Hamid and Murad on the day of Ali Suavi's abortive attempt. From that day forth the brothers did not see each other again for eighteen years. All that time Murad lived imprisoned in the Cheragan Palace, where he was not allowed to have even newspapers or books. For all that long period of time he had no knowledge whatever of events transpiring in the outer

world. Two years ago, on the day of the great earthquake at Constantinople, Murad, by order of the Sultan, was brought to Yildiz, where all the other princes of the Osman son G. McCook, city chamberlain of New | family were assembled. On this occasion a York, is the guest of Hon. M. A. Hanna at | reconciliation took place between the two

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"reconciliation" poor Murad's treatment in no way improved. He was transferred from Cheragan to Malta Kiosk, situated in the park of Yildiz, where he is detained now. The lofty walls, which can be seen from the Bosphorus, were recently built round the Kiosk, and gave it the aspect of a fortress. It is said that Murad is now a man of aged and haggard appearance. But his twenty-five years of close captivity have not robbed him of his majesty of mien. He bears his imprisonment with resignation and devotes his time to the study of the doctrines of "Mevlevi," the most profound and philosophical sect of the Mohammedan

A point much argued here, both in European and Turkish circles, is Murad's fitness for the throne of Osman in the event of the deposition of the present Sultan. If Murad V is considered mentally incompetent, in that case the only legitimate heir of Abdul Hamid is his younger brother, Mehmed Reshad Effendi, who will reign under the name of Mehmed V. But it is believed here that Murad has regained his mental health, and if this be really the case he has imprescriptible rights to reascend the throne that once was his. The Young Turks, however, are divided on this question. The committee of Moslem patriots, whose official organ-"Hurriet"s published in London, are supporting Mehmed Reshad, whilst Murad V has numerous adherents amongst the members of the "Comite Ottoman de l'ordre et du progres." whose organs are "Mizan" and 'Meshveret," both published in Paris, Thus, in the camp of the Young Turkey party opinion is divided as to Abdul Hamid's successor, and this division will not fail to make itself felt in case the Sultan's deposition is effeted.

A Hard Year for Cecil Rhodes. W. T. Stead, in Review of Reviews.

Returning to the British empire, there confronts us the figure of a man whose proportions have long loomed so large before mankind that he may be for the present spoken of almost as if he were a monarch in eclipse. Cecil Rhodes is the one great man whom the colonies have produced who has played a leading part in imperial policy. Until the beginning of this year his career had been almost without a reverse. From the position of a consumptive undergraduate to that of the foremost man in Great Britain, he had mounted nculties he had had, but he surmounted them. Of enemies there was no lack, bu he had either bought them off or defeated them in fair fight. From victory unto victory he plodded on, until there was no man in all the English-speaking world in whom foreign nations learned to recognize more completely and conspicuously the imperial spirit of our imperial race. He was the man who in an age when the nations were smitten with a lust for territorial extension had extended his empire more widely than any king or emperor, and extended it, too, over richer territory, and, at the same time, with less loss of life and treasure. We are too near the African Colossus adequately to realize how his imposing figure impresses the imagination of outsiders. To Frenchmen, Germans, Americans, and also to our own colonists, Cecil Rhodes is British South Africa, and British South Africa is Cecil Rhodes.



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